

HOUSEHOLD DATA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

A-38. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex

[In thousands]

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2011	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Mar. 2010	Mar. 2011	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2011	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2011	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2011	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2011
Total not in the labor force.....	83,499	85,977	17,615	17,775	21,794	22,721	44,090	45,481	32,872	34,497	50,627	51,481
Do not want a job now ¹	77,780	79,727	15,692	15,834	19,262	19,998	42,826	43,896	30,077	31,510	47,703	48,218
Want a job ¹	5,719	6,250	1,923	1,941	2,532	2,723	1,264	1,586	2,795	2,987	2,924	3,263
Did not search for work in previous year.....	2,830	3,245	910	979	1,188	1,240	732	1,026	1,278	1,443	1,552	1,802
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,889	3,005	1,012	962	1,344	1,483	533	560	1,517	1,544	1,372	1,461
Not available to work now.....	634	571	321	270	255	248	58	53	254	264	380	307
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,255	2,434	691	692	1,088	1,235	475	506	1,263	1,280	992	1,154
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴ ...	994	921	231	194	503	467	260	260	624	569	370	351
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,261	1,513	460	498	586	769	215	246	639	711	622	802
Family responsibilities.....	273	229	46	28	160	153	66	47	80	79	193	150
In school or training.....	328	290	255	219	70	68	3	4	195	177	133	113
Ill health or disability.....	57	169	8	23	11	102	38	44	29	66	28	103
Other ⁵	603	825	151	228	345	446	108	151	335	389	268	437

1 Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

2 Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

3 Persons "marginally attached to the labor force" are those who want a job, have searched for work during the prior 12 months, and were available to take a job during the reference week, but had not looked for work in the past 4 weeks.

4 Discouraged workers are persons marginally attached to the labor force who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for reasons such as thinks no work available, could not find work, lacks schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

5 Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as child-care and transportation problems, as well as a small number for which reason for nonparticipation was not ascertained.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.